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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002 for which a response was due on November 28, 2002. A two (2) month extension of time is also filed concurrently herewith to extend the time for response from November 28, 2002 to January 28, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Office Action set forth a Restriction Requirement requesting Applicant to elect one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits: Group I (Claims 5-8) and Group II (Claims 13-15).

Applicant's election of Group I (claims 5-8) is with traverse. Applicant submits that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search the claims of group 1 in

conjunction with the claims of Group 2. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

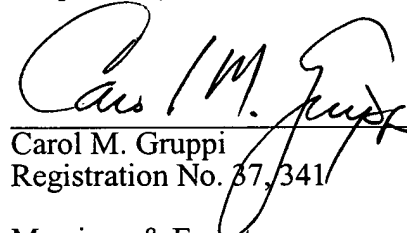
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Dated: January 28, 2003

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